



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CRYPTOLOGIC LANGUAGE ANALYST



DIGITAL EDITION

CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE

From discreet locations around the world to middle-of-the-night top-secret airborne missions, Air Force Cryptologic Language Analysts (CLAs) gather foreign intelligence that is critical to our national security.

Intelligence comes in many forms and in order to interpret and translate foreign languages into usable intelligence, CLAs must be proficient in their assigned languages. Any piece of information that goes undetected, misunderstood or misinterpreted can degrade the mission. It could even mean the difference between life or death.

Using the most advanced communications equipment, the CLA mission is to assist the Department of Defense in “connecting the dots” from enemies that are intent on doing harm to the United States and its allies.

Airmen in this career field serve as Ground CLAs (1N3) or Airborne CLAs (1A8).

LANGUAGE TRAINING

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) conducts training in over two dozen languages. It's located at the Presidio of Monterey, California, and is the premier language school in the Department of Defense.

Placement in a language class is based on the needs of the Air Force and Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) exam score taken at the Military Entrance Processing Station.



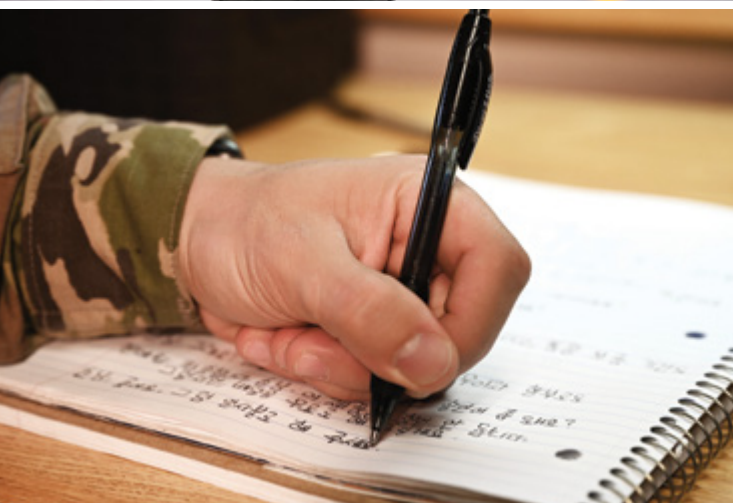
CLA LANGUAGE CATEGORIES

- Category I Languages (36 weeks): Spanish
- Category II Language (36 Weeks): None
- Category III Languages (48 weeks): Persian Farsi, Hebrew and Russian
- Category IV Languages (64 weeks): Modern Standard Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Korean and Pashto

JOINT INTELLIGENCE TRAINING

After you graduate from the DLIFLC, you'll report to Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, for Joint Intelligence Training. Here, you'll get your first taste of Air Force information gathering technology and receive job-specific cryptologic training using your assigned language skills. The length of training depends on your language.

If you're a Ground CLA, you'll move on to your first duty assignment. Airborne CLAs require additional training.



GROUND CRYPTOLOGIC LANGUAGE ANALYST

As a Ground CLA, you'll operate various voice communications equipment and provide data analysis to military commanders supporting combat operations.

Your work will range from monitoring communications about weapons of mass destruction to working side-by-side with service members from other countries to secure intelligence information. You may even be called upon to be an interpreter for Department of Homeland Security missions.

The information you gather supports our nation's most senior decision makers, which ultimately contributes to foreign policy decisions.



AIRBORNE CRYPTOLOGIC LANGUAGE ANALYST

As an Airborne CLA, your mission will take you around the world onboard the RC-135, EC-130H and other airframes. Inside the aircraft, you'll perform a variety of missions, from signals intelligence to electronic surveillance and monitoring radio equipment capable of jamming enemy radar. You'll constantly monitor the radio frequency spectrum and receive, decipher and relay top-secret encoded messages.

Some missions may place you in situations providing support for friendly air forces to intercept, identify and engage air, ground and maritime targets or helping coordinate aerospace rescue and recovery operations.



GROUND / AIRBORNE CLA ASSIGNMENT LOCATIONS

- U.S. Army Garrison Darmstadt Army Base, Germany
- Fort Gordon, Georgia
- Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas
- Fort Meade, Maryland
- Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
- Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England
- Osan Air Base, South Korea
- Ramstein Air Base, Germany

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Air Force is committed to providing you with career-long education and training opportunities.

Beyond basic DLI language training, you'll increase your proficiency through annual training at duty locations or other training sites including universities in the United States and abroad. Also, select linguists have an opportunity to learn a second language later in their careers.

It's also easy to earn a college degree. Many foreign language graduates receive the DLIFLC Associate of Arts in Foreign Language degree, and with 60-plus credit hours they're well on their way to earning a bachelor's degree.

In addition, all technical training counts toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).





CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You'll have opportunities to participate in humanitarian missions and provide support for the FBI, CIA, Drug Enforcement Agency, National Security Agency and the White House.

The skills you acquire in the Air Force can be used in the civilian world when you retire or decide to separate. Opportunities may include working with international corporations, universities, the United Nations, U.S. State Department and other government agencies.

BENEFITS

- 30 days of vacation with pay each year
- Pay incentives such as language proficiency pay and flight pay (airborne only)
- Opportunities for advanced education with up to 100 percent tuition assistance and the Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Live, work and travel around the world
- Comprehensive medical care
- Tax-free food and housing allowances
- Use of fitness centers and other recreational facilities
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Savings Plan similar to a 401(k)

(Note: The above Air Force benefits are available to those serving full-time. Not all benefits are available for part-time service. See your recruiter for more details.)

MULTIPLE WAYS TO SERVE

You can choose one of several paths that allows you to serve your country either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our global Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today.

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